To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter is a student in the Washington Semester Program of The American University. He/She is engaged in an independent research project which constitutes a considerable part of the academic work of the semester.

The students in this Program come from some two hundred colleges throughout the country. They are honor students selected by their respective home institutions to participate. They spend one semester in Washington studying the governmental process through political science instruction and through seminars and interviews with government officials, members of Congress and of the judiciary, and others concerned with, or active in, public life. The research project referred to above is pursued simultaneously with these other experiences.

I would be most grateful if you would be kind enough to entertain this student's inquiry. The richness of the research experience and the quality of the product are greatly dependent upon the willingness of people to speak with these students and guide them toward further material. I solicit your cooperation, therefore, in this educational enterprise.

Sincerely,

David Cortland Brown

Dean

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American University Washington, D.C. 20016 January 31, 1983

Dear Director Casey,

As partial fulfillment of an honors program here at American University, I am researching the hierarchy and structure of the Central Intelligence Agency, focusing primarily upon the administrative relationships of the division chiefs. In addition, the proposal will concentrate on the over-burdened office of the D.C.I., with possible reforms and/or suggested improvements in the Director's vast amount of responsibilities and chain of command. My advisor, Dr. William Schaefer, and I fully realize the value and scarcity of your time, but nevertheless request approximately thirty minutes of your day for a brief, informal interview. To clarify the nature of this project, I have enclosed a cover letter from the director of this Washington Semester Program. Please feel free to call either Dean David C. Brown, Dr. Schaefer (at the same phone number), or myself, at Your consideration and attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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